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SUBJECT: INCIRLIK CARGO HUB: GOT MOVING TOWARD EXTENDING
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(SBU) The Government of Turkey fully supports extension of the Incirlik Cargo Hub agreement and is working through its internal bureaucratic processes in order to issue a Council of Ministers decree as soon as possible. The Foreign Minister's request for the decree to be issued was delivered to the Prime Minister's office on December 16, one day after receiving the Government of Iraq's note supporting the USG request. On December 19, DCM contacted MFA Deputy Undersecretary Haider Berk and Ambassador Ali Yakital, Senior Diplomatic Adviser to the Prime Minister, to underscore the urgency of this issue and to explain that prudent logistics planning would require re-positioning of aircraft well in advance of the December 31 expiry of the existing agreement. Both men acknowledged the high priority of the agreement and expressed confidence that the decree to extend the validity of the agreement would be issued before it would be necessary to re-position aircraft. They also pledged to intervene again to ensure passage of the decree if it is not issued before December 22.

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